

Cannon Renewal Project



The Cannon Renewal Project ensures the Cannon Building continues to provide space for members of Congress to perform their legislative business. It has not received a comprehensive systems upgrade since the 1930s, and many of the building's systems are original – dating back to 1908. The systems are past the end of their useful lives and the increasing risk of their failure jeopardizes the building's long-term functionality.

History and Background

The Cannon House Office Building, designed by Carrère and Hastings in the Beaux-Arts style, is the oldest House office building.

The 61st Congress occupied the building in December 1908, and in 1912, the fifth floor, with its 51 rooms, was added to help meet the space needs of the expanding Congress. At approximately 800,000 square feet, the Cannon Building includes 142 Member suites, three committee hearing rooms, the historic Caucus Room and the Rotunda.

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The renewal project is scheduled to take approximately 10 years, with five phases aligned to fall between congressional move cycles.

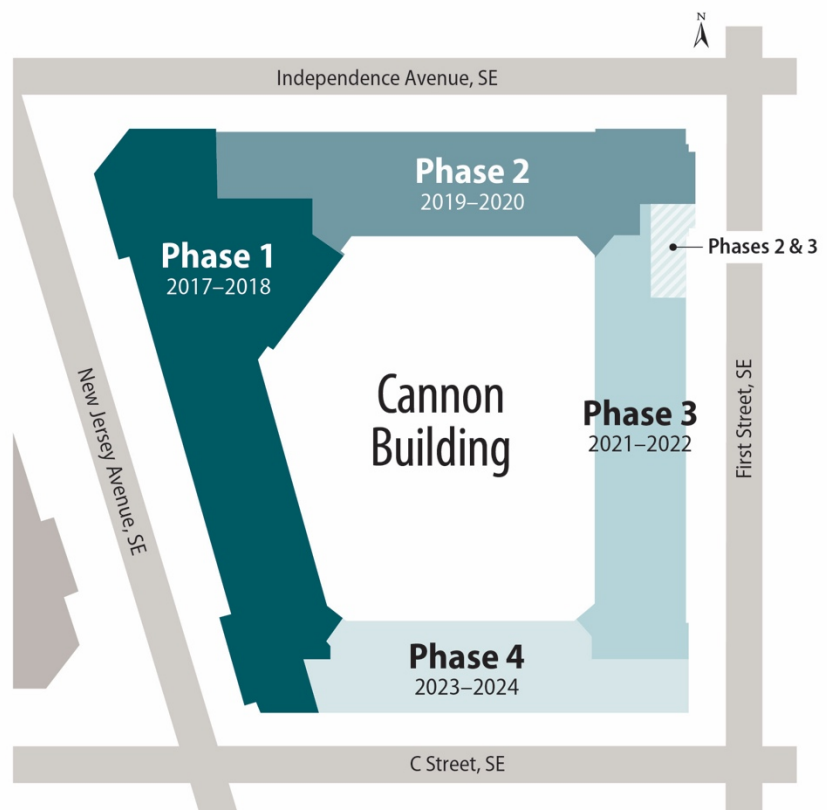
The initial construction began in early 2015 and finished at the end of 2016. The work included installing building utilities, primarily in the basement and the courtyard.

Phase 1 began in January 2017 and is scheduled to be complete in November 2018. The entire west side of the building, from the basement to the fifth floor, is closed.

Construction activities take place during normal business hours, with the noisiest work activities occurring after business hours to avoid disturbing the work of Congress. Work includes demolishing and rebuilding the fifth floor, conserving the exterior stonework and rehabilitating the individual office suites. During the evening hours, it may be possible to hear loud construction noise such as jackhammering, grinding, sawing, hammering, scraping and drilling. To the extent possible, the Cannon Renewal Project team will work to minimize the noise impacts of construction activities on members, staff and visitors.

Questions?

Contact Communications Manager Kristen Frederick at Kristen.Frederick@ao.gov. Visit www.ao.gov/cannon to watch a short video about the project and to find the latest construction photos and project updates.



Phases 1-4 of the project will impact a quarter of the building, one side at a time, starting on the New Jersey Avenue side of the building and working clockwise. Each phase is aligned to fall between congressional transitions.